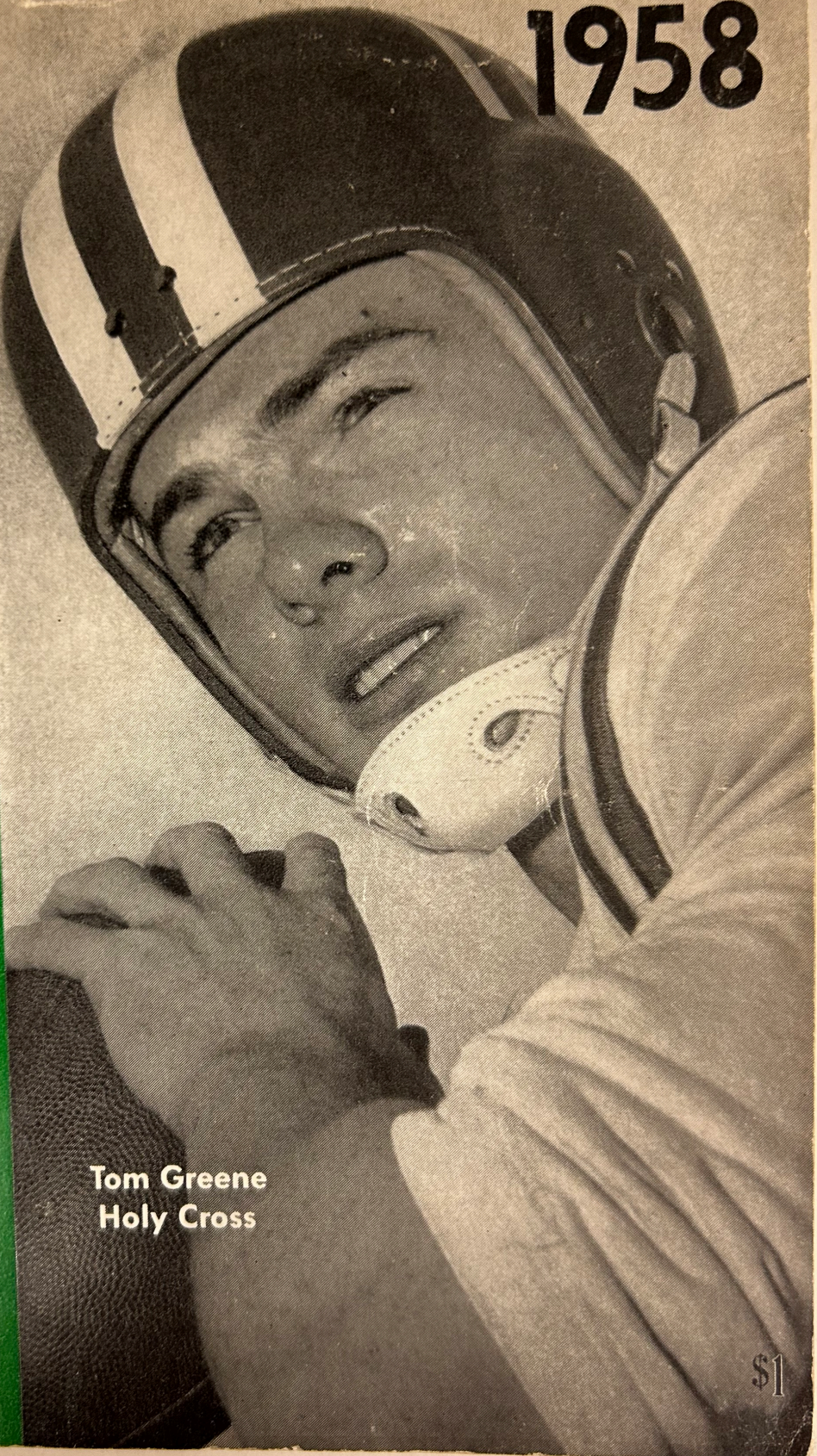


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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1957

For the second time in four seasons the press association polls could not agree on a team as the unofficial national champion for 1957. The Associated Press (writers) named Auburn. The United Press (coaches) picked Ohio State. Ohio State was similarly involved in 1954 when opinion was divided on the Buckeyes and UCLA.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the United Press poll of college coaches has joined in the fun since 1950. Both polls represent the combined opinions of observers in all sections of the country and have come to be the most popularly recognized bases for the mythical award.

Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolic of the national title, were awarded annually from 1924 to 1936.

The national champions for all 34 years:

1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1948—Michigan	1939—Texas A&M	1931—So. California
1956—Oklahoma	1947—Notre Dame	1938—T.C.U.	1930—Notre Dame
1955—Oklahoma	1946—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1929—Notre Dame
1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1945—Army	1936—Minnesota	1928—So. California
1953—Maryland	1944—Army	1935—S.M.U.	1927—Illinois
1952—Michigan State	1943—Notre Dame	1934—Minnesota	1926—Stanford
1951—Tennessee	1942—Ohio State	1933—Michigan	1925—Dartmouth
1950—Oklahoma	1941—Minnesota	1932—Michigan	1924—Notre Dame
1949—Notre Dame	1940—Minnesota		

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1957

In a composite picture of the press association polls for the past 22 years, Notre Dame emerges as the No. 1 team. Counting 10 points for each first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 106 points. Oklahoma is second with 82, 27 having been gained in the past three years. The 22-year leaders:

1. Notre Dame . 106	5. Army 54	9. U.C.L.A. . . . 39	13. California . . 30
2. Oklahoma . . 82	6. Ohio State . . 50	10. Georgia Tech. 36	14. Maryland . . . 28
3. Michigan . . . 66	7. Mich. State . . 49	11. Navy 35	15. So. California 25
4. Tennessee . . 62	8. Minnesota . . . 41	12. Alabama . . . 31	15. Texas A&M . 25

The Southwest Conference is unlikely to produce an outstanding team, but the members may play such sensational football, while cutting one another to pieces, that two or three will be in bowl games. Texas and TCU share the role of pre-season favorite.

Spreading over more territory and embracing more fine teams than any other one region is the South. The three big conferences (Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Southern) have a combined membership of 30 and annually have multiple challengers for national honors.

No less than five of the 12 SEC members (Auburn, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech and Tennessee) are likely looking candidates for No. 1 honors this year.

Clemson, North Carolina and Duke figure best in the ACC; West Virginia and Virginia Tech in the Southern; Miami among the independents; Louisville, Mississippi Southern and Chattanooga in their echelon. Coach Frank Howard in his 19th year at Clemson is going stronger than ever.

In the East, where emphasis is still on de-emphasis although there has been a noticeable reduction of pressure in some important spots, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Navy, Princeton and Dartmouth are the popular favorites to win the Lambert Trophy which annually goes to the champion of the area, regardless of conference affiliation. Penn State, Army, Boston College and Holy Cross are not without champions for their chances.

Coach John Michelosen's Pitt Panthers may make the best showing against the toughest schedule in the section. Coach Eddie Erdelatz will have four

starters back from Navy. The 1957 season and reputed national champion most of the honors, but was on NCAA probation.

The Buckeyes made championship going at Texas Christian nipped Oregon, which wasn't in the Rose Bowl before Auburn had a 10-0 only 28 points, but was Navy, which spanked of 8-1-1 for the regular season.

The single game of interest was played at in a 7-0 victory for the Sooners in 48 games of that unprecedented victory. Winning that their young coach, Ted

Most successful off-underrated, was Arizona scoring with 396 points schedule with a mix of Virginia Military

Conference champion Player of the Year A&M. He was a unanimous Heisman Memorial Trophy winner. Alex Karras, Iowa all of the All-American Football Writers and



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